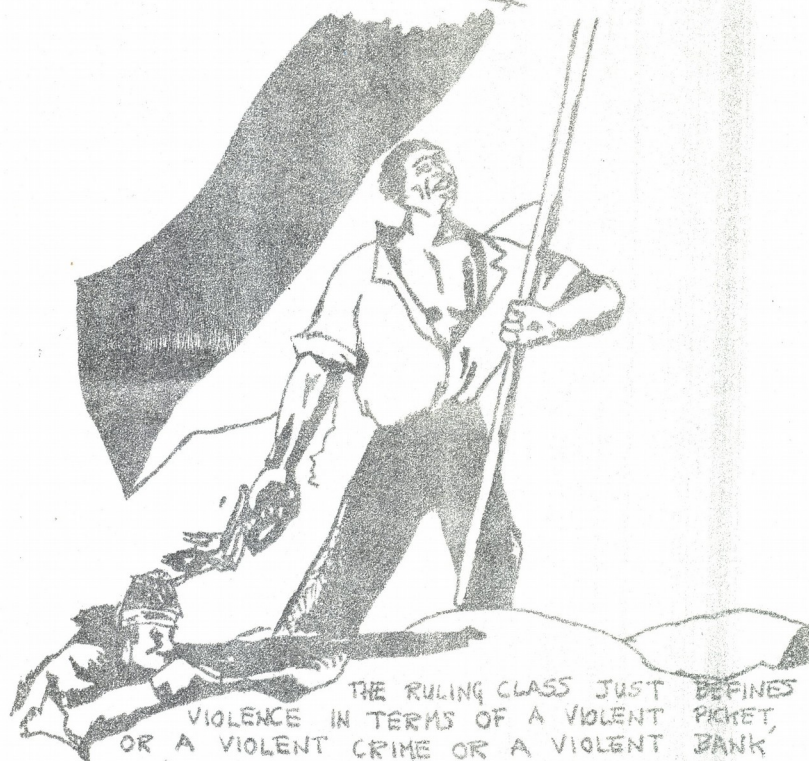


gettin' angry!?

a magazine by and for claimants



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THE RULING CLASS JUST DEFINES VIOLENCE IN TERMS OF A VIOLENT PICKET, OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR A VIOLENT BANK ROBBERY OR A VIOLENT BOMB GOING OFF, WHICH TOTALLY DISTORTS THE REAL ESSENCE OF WHAT VIOLENCE IS. WHAT VIOLENCE IS, IS THE FACT THAT PEOPLE END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY ARE SO FREAKED ABOUT THE WAY THEY LIVE, THAT THEY BEAT UP THE PEOPLE THEY LOVE. WHAT PEOPLE WANTED TO DO WAS TO TRY TO SHOW THAT THAT LEVEL OF VIOLENCE SHOULD BE CHANELLED TOWARDS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY CREATING THE SITUATION OF OPPRESSION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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In this issue, there is an article on making claims and generally what to expect when dealing with the DISS. For many of the people reading it, it won't be of much use as you'll have learnt the hard way like so many others. If you know someone who is signing on for the first time, then don't let them go thru' the shit we've been thru', let them read the article or tell them yourself. It must be admitted that the article itself verges on lefty wimpy crap and the sort of shit the DISS would put out (except they don't put useful info out). But it must be stressed the idea was to simplify the procedure for people making fresh claims & also to help people get their money thru' quicker. So when we say to do things immediately we do not mean to be condescending, if that's the way it comes across. Perhaps we'll do better next time?



ANARCHY IN
ACTION (A)

The '1 in 12' club is, at present based at the Market Tavern every Wednesday. It is mostly run by unemployed people. It is only 50p membership for a year(!) and there on 50p to each gig. So it's a pretty cheap nite out in comparison to the more commercial venues around town. Besides being a cheap nite out there are none of the hassles you get at other places. Why not go along one nite and see what you think. There are also meetings every Sunday at the Metropole pub on Sunbridge road, 7.30 onwards. If you get bored you can always go for a game of pool or get piss or do both.

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Anyhow this is a list of who's playing the '1 in 12' over the next few weeks;

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What is wrote here is a very short essay on what to expect when dealing with the D.H.S.S. It tries to simplify the complicated procedure which has been created to deter you from claiming benefit. IT IS NOT A GOSPEL ON THE WORKINGS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, IT IS PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AS THATS THE ONLY GUIDE WE HAVE. THE D.H.S.S. IS FAR TOO INCONSISTANT TO SAY; THIS IS HOW IT WORKS....WHAT WE DO SAY IS THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED. The D.H.S.S. and the procedures for making claims are very tedious, intimidating and highly boring. They are created to piss you off so try stay as calm as poss' for as long as poss' before eventually erupting into a crescendo of verbal abuse! Expect no help from anyone working at either the unemployment office or the D.H.S.S. - they treat you like shit and do their best to alienate you. We hope the following will help you when dealing with the D.H.S.S.

FRESH CLAIMS :- When making a fresh claim you must go to your local signing-on office. Go to the desk entitled 'enquiries' and ring the bell. Explain you wish to make a claim. Here they will ask various questions ranging from name & address to your last place of employment, when you left school, college or whatever. You will have to fill in a couple of forms. Having done this you'll be appointed a signing on date and given a UB40. The UB40 will explain what time and date to sign on. They will also give you a big purple form to fill in, in your own time, a B1. Basically its an irrelevant questionnaire prying into your private life, but if you dont fill it in & post it off to the D.H.S.S. you'll get fuck-all. Do this as soon as poss'.

SIGNING ON :- Your date, time & box number for signing on will be written on your UB40 which you bring with you when signing on. Make sure you join the correct queue - the box number will be above the desk or in some cases on the desk, just look for your No. When your turn to sign on comes you'll have to put your signature on a piece of paper, which the clerk passes to you. Theoretically, you will recieve your giro 2 days later. However if you've just made a fresh claim you'll have to wait at least 5 weeks before you begin to get a giro. Dont worry - you get all the money back dated. If you dont - go kick up a fuss until you do!

THE GIRO :- A giro is the standard form of payment from both S.S and the unemployment benefit office. It is a sort of cheque that you sign and take to the post office which you arranged to cash your giros at. You may be asked for proof of I.D., of which everyday things like buspasses, etc aren't valid. So always have a birth certificate at hand, otherwise you'll be faced with unnessacary hassles.

Whenever dealing with the D.H.S.S. in anyway whatsoever you'll soon get the feeling that you aint looked upon too highly. Infact the majority of clerics treat you like scroungers, drop - outs, lazy sods who stay in bed all day - ignore these fools who put themselves on pedestals like Kings & Queens. Remember, for hundreds of years the working classes have slaved their guts out working for this system, some even being fatally injured or killed. That money is yours a thousand times over, its been inherited by every minute stolen from the working classes working to keep the ruling classes in power. Just point that out, if you get hassle. You've as much right as you want to that money. Dont feel ashamed.

NOTE:- Questions like, 'what savings have you?' should be answered with 'none' They are always reluctant to give money out, quite possessive as tho' its their own money. Dont give them any chance to stop your rightful inheritance, cos the bastards'll jump at it!

NEXT ISSUE:- OUR POLITICS!! /A CRITIQUE OF THE WAY THE WORLD IS RULED!

THE ANGRY BRIGADE IS THE PERSON
SITTIN' NEXT TO YOU. THEY HAVE
GUNS IN THEIR POCKETS & ANGER
IN THEIR MINDS. BOGSIDE CLYDESIDE
JOIN THE ANGRY SIDE - GETTIN' ANGRY?

CLAIMING HOUSING BENEFIT :- Yet another boring procedure, but by now you've come to expect nothing less than that. First thing to do whether you're already signing on or not is to go to the local signing on office. If you are already signing on, using an address in the same locality as that which you are about to move to - you go to the desk entitled 'enquiries', tell them you've had a change of circumstance. If you are moving to a new area, go to the local signing on office and go to the desk entitled 'enquiries', explain you've just moved there and wish to sign on in this area.

Whatever your circumstances they will ask the usual questions, name & (new) address, previous employment etc. Having done that you'll get a new UB40 and assigned a new date, time and box number for signing on. You will also be given a new B1 to fill in. In the B1 is a section on housing, this you fill in as to your new accommodation and post, or take it by hand, immediately to the D.H.S.S. Yet again, theoretically two days later you should receive two things; a) a note saying how your benefit is worked out and how much you will receive weekly. b) a yellow 'rent form'. If, after waiting a week, you still haven't received the above mentioned then get down to the D.H.S.S. and ask why you haven't and while you're at it get yourself the rent form mentioned.

The yellow rent form asks the usual questions associated with this business as well as going into more detail as to your rent, bills, rates etc. Fill this in immediately and post it off to the DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE, in the envelope provided with the rent form. You will also have to send evidence of rent payments such as a rent book.

Now the problems begin - until they get your rent sorted out you'll have to pay it out of your own pocket. Which basically means you are penniless never mind notebless! However, when it's all sorted out you get it all back dated, so you can go play rich w/o/man for the day and get incredible pissed! Waiting for the bastards to sort your rent out can be and is frustrating. People have been known to wait up to 3 months to get their rent sorted out. Although between 6 - 8 weeks appears to be usual procedure. If you get fed up waiting; start to phone them up, go down and see them, complain, annoy 'em, get 'em angry. Get angry! Gettin' Angry!? is easy!

GETTING BONDS & FIRST WEEKS RENT :- (All figures are purely fictional and are used as an example to, hopefully, make it easier to understand.) This should be a relatively simple procedure but, guess what, it isn't! If you need, for example, a £50 bond & £20 rent up front before you can move into a flat or whatever. This is what you do. Get the landlord to give you a letter saying where you will be living, how much the rent & bond are, where he lives etc. Take this along to the signing on office, go to the enquiries desk, tell them you're moving into this place at, for example, the weekend - you need a £50 bond + £20 rent up front. You will be asked to show the letter from the landlord. Having done this ask for it back. You will have to answer what has become the obligatory questions and will then be given a B1 and in some cases a new UB40. Fill this in immediately and take it by hand to the D.H.S.S. Once there go to the appropriate floor, walk in the room - there's a ticket machine, pull a ticket out and go sit down and wait. The time you will have to wait for your number to come up can be anything from 10 mins to 2 hours, so you'd be well advised to take something to read with you. On the wall is a clock, when your ticket number appears go to the booth. Explain you need a £50 bond + £20 rent etc, and that you have a letter from your landlord and a B1 already filled in. The clerk will take the B1 and the letter and tell you it'll be sorted out. Do nothing until the next day. Ring them up first thing in the morning and ask for the 'housing dept' tell them you urgently require the bond & rent and why hasn't it come? With a lot of hard work it should arrive the day before it's needed in girocheque form. Give the Giro to the landlord as you can't cash it. If you don't want to wait for them to send you the rent form go down and get it.

Whether the above method works everytime i've no idea but it worked for me, you can only try. As to the question about claiming bonds, few people realise you can claim them. I was once told that by 'law' they have to get you a bond on time but that is something i fail to believe in. Having seen how bureaucratic the D.H.S.S. is, you can expect nothing but shit from them.

GOOD LUCK!

the great youth training scheme swindle

JANUARY 1985

The government has finally announced its long-imminent proposal to effectively force any unemployed school leavers into Youth Training Schemes by destroying their present entitlement to Supplementary Benefit. Although the final decision won't be made until Spring, it is almost certain to be passed, making the "slave labour" (the scheme has long been recognised for what it is by most of "the youth") obligatory. A very sinister move from the same group of scum who recently brought you Cruise missiles and civil war (in the form of the miners' strike), and just in time for International Youth Year too!

The reason for the move is obvious. If you are on a YTS you are not counted as being unemployed, and so the government, by forcing people into shitty schemes where they are ripped off to an even greater extent than they are in NORMAL wage labour because of being labelled as "youth", are trying to use this form of conscription to fake the unemployment figures, in order to create an illusion of setting right the economic situation THEY have created.

BEING PUT ON A "TRAINING SCHEME" IS BEING SENT BACK TO SCHOOL

The sick bastards who constitute this and all governments are afraid of people (especially YOUNG people) not having every minute of every day controlled and organised for them, and are afraid also that if the attitudes which lie behind not seeking to work in or for our society (i.e the rejection of the work ethic) were to catch on, it would represent a threat to their state. They have recognised a weak link in the chains of the miserable grey system that they themselves are bound up by, and have spent their whole lives bound up by, and they are doing their best to reinforce the link and to ensure we all have to live in the same shit deathreality as them, working 9 to 5 for the arms manufacturers.

We must look for any holes in the new set-up which we can slip through, and we must sabotage and fuck up all their schemes and institutions. We must see that anything the government offers us is worthless and insulting, and we must find effective ways of treating it as such. Steal from the YTSs, burn your teachers' cars, screw up on the job and take advantage of anyone who tells you how to behave in every way; PREPARE FOR RESISTANCE!

IF YOU GET FORCED ONTO A YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET ON?

There is a nasty rumour circulating that as well as making YES schemes obligatory for unemployed school leavers later this year, THERE ARE PLANS AFOOT TO TOTALLY CUT OFF ALL SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT TO ALL CLAIMANTS UNDER 19 ON APRIL 1st (the beginning of the financial year) This would also tie in nicely with Thatcher's parental role - remarks on Radio 4 recently about having a statutory minimum age of 18 or 19 for being allowed to be unemployed.

Alright, rumours are rumours, but this one is more frightening than most. We can't afford not to take it seriously, we can't passively sit back and wait for Thatcher and turkeys to drop the shit on us. We must prepare and be prepared to resist being pushed around by the 'welfare state' we've played that game for hundreds of years now, for christ's sake. They had the right idea in Brighton, Moss Side etc, in 1981. Have you got the right idea?

You may already have heard about The Regional Fraud Teams, but just incase you haven't heres what we know to press. The R.F.T. are small teams of enthusiastic fraud investigators. The teams are visiting each unemployment benefit office in turn, interviewing, following and generally discouraging claimants from signing on. Needless to say, no one needs this kind of shit and no one should put up with it. These bastards arrived in Bradford on 10th February this year and are theoretically leaving on or around April 1st. If you are being harassed by one of these spies, and feel you are at an advantage physically, turn round and kick fuck out of the bastard.

There are certain things you will have to do if one of these teams picks on you, otherwise you will lose your benefit. If you are asked to attend a meeting try take a friend and just to be on the safe side smuggle a tape recorder in and record the interview. At the end of the interview make sure you hassle them about your travelling expenses and continue to hassle them until you receive your expenses. More likely than not you'll have to show evidence to prove you've been looking for work. This is for you to sort out. If they stop your benefit continue to sign on & also go to the DSS, with a friend, as you enter the booth have a fit and let them know just what you're thinking.

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Never let them into your home. Of course if they have a warrant you don't really have much say in the matter, but keep an eye on them. If they try nice talk you into withdrawing your claim, just ignore everything they say.

These people are bastards, we would greatly appreciate any names and addresses of these people - so keep an eye out. If you are getting persistent harassment then go to any of the following for assistance and advice:- Local Advice Centre, or Centre Against Unemployment or Citizens Advice Bureau; i really can't see it being any help but it has been suggested; The Benefits Shop. All the above mentioned will be in the telephone directory or ring the directory of enquiries.

Remember when dealing with the DSS always think before you talk and always ask for I.D. if they visit your house. Always regard these people as bastards!

AND NOW THE MINERS.....no matter what the outcome of the strike, one thing that stands out clear is that the miners organising themselves has proved far more effective than union bureaucracy. In Fitzwilliam, nr Pontefract the pigs couldn't get into the village, if only for a short while, such is the hatred felt towards the pigs. In areas like Fitzwilliam the strike is still going strong and they will not be going back. Not wanting to write pages on the miners at the moment; there are just two points to be made a) the RCP (revolutionary communist party) have been doing street collections on the pretence the money is going to the miners. This is not true, all the money they make is going towards a daily paper they are to do. The RCP are the ones that sell The Next Step - if you see them on the street the least we can do is throw their rags on the floor and accuse them of being scabs - which they are. b) on Saturday March 16th there's going to be a massive miners benefit/social evening at GIGGS OIL, Westgate. Admission will either be a £1-£1.50. There will be miners from a local pit present doing some of their own songs, also several speakers including Dave Douglas & local band BEACON will be playing with Sheffield punk band the MAN MAN. Late bar till at least 2, so you'd be a real fool to miss out on this historic occasion.

SUPPORT THE MINERS.

This is the first issue of Gettin' Angry!? It is produced by and for claimants. We are not do-gooders or 'caring' middle class turkeys with guilty consciences nor are we social workers 'who recognize your problem'. We are the people sitting next to you! We have had enough shit shoved down our throats by the state. It is time we all stood up and said "no!" The workers have unions, tho' in the main useless, it is their only voice. The unemployed is probably and certainly will be the biggest section of the people. It is time we organised ourselves and stuck together, instead of fighting our own little problems. Solidarity thru' Gettin' Angry!?

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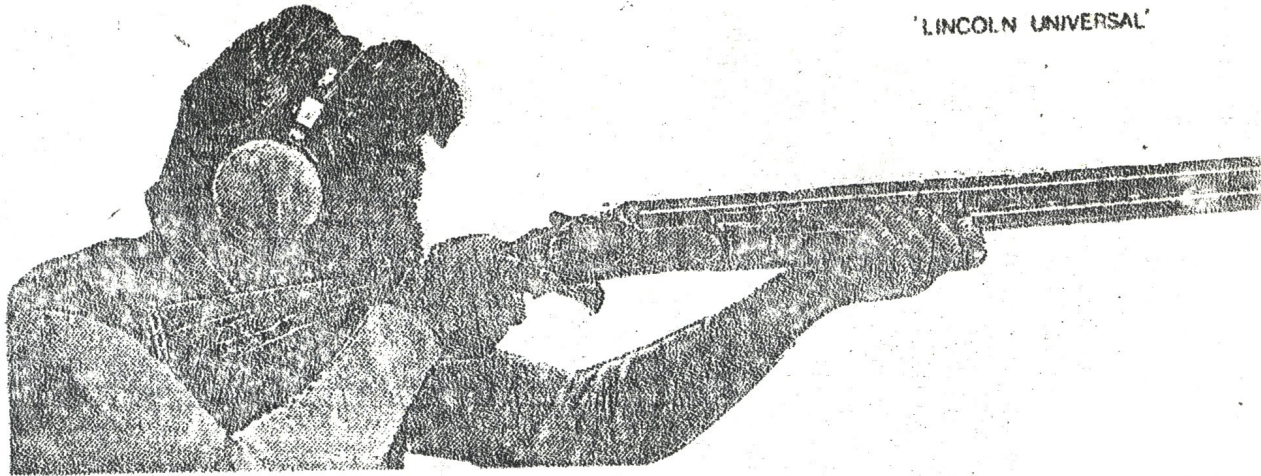
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